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THE

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FOR THE

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BY

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ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE HEALTH OF THE

Baildon Urban Sanitary District

For the Year 1922.

To the Chairman and Members of the Baildon Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my Seventh Annual Report for the year 1922.

The health of the district has been good, one of the schools was closed for a short period owing to most of the teachers being ill with Influenza.

Birth-Rate.—There have been 90 births during the year,—47 males and 43 females; 5 illegitimate births, 2 males and 3 females. This is at the rate of 13·7 per 1,000. The birth-rate for England and Wales being 20·6 per 1,000.

Deaths.—There have been 71 deaths during the year, 59 of which have died in the district and 12

that have occurred in out districts—28 males and 43 females. There have been 31 deaths over 60 years and upwards. This is a death-rate of 10·8 per 1,000. The death-rate per 1,000 for England and Wales being 12·9.

Infantile Deaths.—There have been 7 deaths of infants under one year of age, which is equivalent to a rate of 82·35 per 1,000 births. (Legitimate 3, illegitimate 4).

Infectious Diseases.—There have been 18 cases of infectious diseases notified during the year; 3 Diphtheria, 13 Scarlet Fever, 2 Tuberculosis with 6 deaths; 3 cases of Scarlet Fever were treated at home.

Notifiable Diseases during the Year.

DISEASE.		Total Cases.	Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria ...	...	3	3	None.
Scarlet Fever...	...	13	10	None.
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	
Pneumonia ...	...	...	...	
Tuberculosis ...	...	...	...	
(*a*) Pulmonary	M.	2	... ...	3
	F.	1	... ...	
(*b*) Non-Pulmonary	M.	2	... ...	3
	F.	1	... ...	
Ophthalmia ...	...	None.		

Vital Statistics.

		Total.	M.	F.	
Births	Legitimate	85	45	40	Birth-Rate 13·7
	Illegitimate	5	2	3	

Deaths ... ... 71 Death-Rate 10·8

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of Child-Birth ... ... From Sepsis ... nil.
„ other causes, nil.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 births, 82·35
(Legitimate, 3; Illegitimate, 4; total, 7).

Deaths from Measles (all ages) ... ... nil.
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages) ... nil.
„ „ Diarrhœa (under 2 years) ... nil.

The notification of Tuberculosis being voluntary is not carried out as well as is required.

Nursing.—The District Nurse (Miss Brown) has carried out her duties in a very efficient manner during the last 12 months. She has paid 1657 visits and attended 16 operations. The new house for the Nurse was opened during the year, and Miss Brown has taken up her residence there.

Clinics.—The Maternity and Child Welfare Centre provided by the West Riding County Council has been removed to Woodbottom, and is proving a great boon to those who attend.

Hospitals.—The Wharfedale Isolation Fever Hospital at Menston and Sir Titus Salt's Hospital at Saltaire, both of which are outside the District, are available for the use of the District. The Motor Ambulance has been of great use in removing infectious cases to hospital.

Water Supply.—There has been no shortage of water during the year, except at Tong Park, which is a private water supply belonging to Messrs. W. Denby & Sons. New mains have been laid from the top of Westgate up into West Lane, with the result that the supply has been very much improved in that district. New mains in Otley Road to the junction of Cliffe Lane have also improved the supply in that quarter.

Samples of water have been taken from time to time, both of the Council's own supply and of the several private supplies in the district, and in all cases except one were found to be good. In one case lead was found which was caused by the action of the peaty water on the old lead service pipe, which pipes have been forbidden in the district for the past 16 years.

I submit a sample analysis of the Town's Water made by F. W. Richardson, Esq., the County Analyst :—

Total solid matters	5·20
Chlorine combined	·60
Nitrites	None
Nitrogen as Nitrites	None
Free Ammonia	·0014
Albumoid Ammonia	·0014
Lead	None
Total Hardness Clark's scale ...	3·00

This is a water of the highest organic purity. It is also soft, and thererefore well suited for all drinking and domestic purposes.

Sanitary Administration.—The Bake-houses (6) have been inspected and found to be in a satisfactory state.

The Slaughter-houses (2) have been inspected and found to be clean and well kept. Slaughtering was found to be taking place in an unregistered place and the persons concerned were instructed to cease the practice.

The Cowsheds that have been inspected were found to be in a satisfactory condition, the registration of cow-keepers and milk dealers has been partially completed.

The Factories and Workshops (36) have been inspected and found to be in order, except for whitewashing in several cases.

A Sanitary Convenience has been erected in Northgate, and it is hoped that it will fill a long felt want.

The new Sewer in Lane End has been completed and most of the houses connected to it.

There have been very many complaints about the smoke nuisance from several mill chimneys, and several cautionary letters have been sent. There is still great room for improvement in regard to the repair and provision of fall pipes and roof gutters.

It is to be hoped that more speedy improvement in the rate of conversion of privy closets into water closets will take place during the coming year.

Closet Accommodation.—

No. of Privies with open Middens	...	3
„ Pail or Tub Closets	... ...	24
„ Privies with covered Middens	...	147
„ W.C.s	... ...	985
„ Waste Water Closets	... ...	34
„ Privies re-constructed during 1922—		
(a) as W.C.s	... ...	10
(b) other	... ...	nil.
„ additional Closets provided for old property in 1922—		
(a) W.C.s	... ...	2
(b) other	... ...	nil.
„ Closets constructed during 1922 for new houses—		
(a) W.C.s	... ...	17
(b) other	... ...	nil.

Scavenging.—This work is [redacted] performed by the Council with horses and carts and a 1-ton tipping body van.

No. of loads to (a) Destructor	...	52
(b) Tips	... ...	1870
(c) Farmers...	...	nil.
Total annual cost,		£845

Nuisance Inspections.

Total number of Inspections made in 1922 for nuisances only	...	12
Nuisances reported in 1922	...	12
Nuisances in hand at end of 1921		nil.

Total needing abating	12
Abated during 1922	12
Outstanding 1922	nil.

Notices served, Informal	4	Complied with	4
,, ,, Statutory	8	,,	8

Total number of summonses or legal proceedings, nil.

Milk Supply.

No. of Cow-keepers in district ...	29
No. registered	29
No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cow-keepers	29
No. who are Milk Retailers only	7
Total No. of Milk Sellers registered	36
Total No. of Cowsheds	35
Total No. of Inspections	20

Smoke Observations.

No. of Smoke Observations taken	13
No. of Cautions	9
Legal Notices	nil.

I am, yours obediently,

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Enfield, Baildon,
April 17th, 1923.

Housing Conditions

Year ending 31st December, 1922.

General Statistics.

Area (acres)	2605
Population (1922)	6591
No. of inhabited houses (1922)	1947
No. of families or separate occupiers (1922)	2045
Rateable Value	£35,124
Sum represented by a Penny Rate ...	£137

Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year—

(a) Total	17
(b) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme ...	nil.

1. Unfit dwelling-houses—

Inspection (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health Acts)	30
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 ...	30
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	nil.

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 6

2. Remedy of defects without service of formal notices—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 6

3. Action under Statutory Powers—

A. Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs... nil.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit.

(a) By Owners ... ... nil.

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners... nil.

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close ... ... nil.

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 4

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied :—

(a) By Owners ... ... from 1921 4

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners nil.

Outstanding 1922 4

C. Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders ... ... nil.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ... nil.

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the dwelling-house having been rendered fit ... ... nil.

(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ... nil.

(5) Number of Dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ... nil.